Statement by the United States of America Concerning
Missile Defense

The United States of America takes note of the Statement on
Missile Defense by the Russian Federation. The United States
missile defense systems are not intended to affect the strategic
balance with Russia. The United States missile defense systems
would be employed to defend the United States against limited
missile launches, and to defend its deployed forces, allies and
partners against regional threats. The United States intends to
continue improving and deploying its missile defense systems in
order to defend itself against limited attack and as part of our
collaborative approach to strengthening stability in key regions.